

**ZONE ONE**  
**(Effective 7/2001)**  
**Early Childhood Care & Education Maximum Reimbursement Rates**

<b>Zone 1</b>		<b>FORMAL CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS (REGULATED)</b>		<b>INFORMAL CARE ARRANGEMENTS (UNREGULATED)</b>
<b>(SEE LIST OF COUNTIES ON BACK OF PAGE)</b>		<b>CENTER-BASED CARE AND GROUP HOME CARE</b>	<b>FAMILY CHILD CARE</b>	<b>NON-RELATIVE &amp; RELATIVE CARE</b>
FULL TIME CARE (PER WEEK)  (Care for 3 or more days per wk.)	Infants (6 weeks-12 months)	<b>\$105.00</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>	<b>\$52.00</b>
	Toddlers (13-36 months)	<b>95.00</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>
	Pre-School (3-5 years)	<b>80.00</b>	<b>75.00</b>	<b>47.00</b>
PART-TIME CARE (PER DAY) OR OCCASIONAL CARE (PER DAY)  (Care for less than 3 full days per week)	Infants (6 weeks-12 months)	<b>25.00</b>	<b>21.00</b>	<b>14.00</b>
	Toddlers (13-36 months)	<b>22.00</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>12.00</b>
	Pre-School (3-5 years)	<b>20.00</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>
NEGOTIATED RATE (PER WEEK)	Child care for one child with one provider that occurs over more than one time period (some weekdays and a weekend day, for example) but is 4 to 5 days per billable week should have rate negotiated rather than two separate rates with separate certificates. The negotiated rate for care 4 to 5 days <i>can</i> equal the full time care rate, but should not exceed the full time care rate per week. If care exceeds 5 days per week, negotiated rate may exceed full time care rate but should not exceed the full time care rate added to the per day rate.			

**School Age Care Maximum Reimbursement Rates (Including Pre-K)**

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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE (PER WEEK)		<b>\$55.00</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$33.00</b>
PART-TIME CARE (PER DAY) OR OCCASIONAL CARE (PER DAY) Occasional Care is needed for teacher workdays, snow days, & holidays (including holidays lasting a week or more).		<b>16.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>
FULL TIME CARE (PER WEEK) Usually for full day, summer care! Not winter/spring breaks.		<b>80.00</b>	<b>75.00</b>	<b>47.00</b>
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**CHEROKEE**

**DOUGLAS**

**GWINNETT**

**CLAYTON \***

**FAYETTE**

**HENRY**

**COBB**

**FORSYTH**

**PAULDING**

**DEKALB**

**FULTON**

**ROCKDALE**

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**ZONE TWO**

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ZONE 2		FORMAL CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS (REGULATED)		INFORMAL CARE ARRANGEMENTS (UNREGULATED)
(SEE LIST OF COUNTIES ON BACK OF PAGE)		CENTER-BASED CARE AND GROUP HOME CARE	FAMILY CHILD CARE	NON-RELATIVE & RELATIVE CARE
FULL TIME CARE (PER WEEK)  (Care for 3 or more days per wk.)	Infants (6 weeks-12 months)	\$81.00	\$66.00	\$50.00
	Toddlers (13-36 months)	76.00	62.00	48.00
	Pre-School (3-5 years)	72.00		47.00
PART-TIME CARE (PER DAY) OR OCCASIONAL CARE (PER DAY)  (Care for less than 3 full days per week.)	Infants (6 weeks-12 months)	21.00	19.00	13.00
	Toddlers (13-36 months)	20.00	18.00	12.00
	Pre-School (3-5 years)	19.00		10.00
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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE (PER WEEK)		<b>\$42.00</b>	<b>\$37.00</b>	<b>\$33.00</b>
PART-TIME CARE (PER DAY) OR OCCASIONAL CARE (PER DAY) Occasional Care is needed for teacher workdays, snow days, & holidays (including holidays lasting a week or more).		<b>15.00</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>
FULL TIME CARE (PER WEEK) Usually for full day, summer care! Not winter/spring breaks.		<b>72.00</b>	<b>62.00</b>	<b>47.00</b>
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<b>BALDWIN</b>	<b>COLUMBIA</b>	<b>HOUSTON *</b>	<b>MUSCOGEE *</b>
<b>BARROW</b>	<b>COWETA</b>	<b>JACKSON</b>	<b>NEWTON</b>
<b>BARTOW</b>	<b>DAWSON</b>	<b>JONES</b>	<b>OCONEE</b>
<b>BIBB</b>	<b>DOUGHERTY *</b>	<b>LAMAR</b>	<b>PEACH</b>
<b>BRYAN *</b>	<b>EFFINGHAM*</b>	<b>LEE</b>	<b>PIKE</b>
<b>BULLOCH</b>	<b>FLOYD</b>	<b>LIBERTY</b>	<b>PULASKI</b>
<b>BUTTS</b>	<b>GLYNN</b>	<b>MADISON</b>	<b>RICHMOND</b>
<b>CAMDEN</b>	<b>GORDON</b>	<b>McDUFFIE</b>	<b>SPALDING</b>
<b>CATOOSA</b>	<b>HALL</b>	<b>MERIWETHER</b>	<b>TROUP</b>
<b>CHATHAM *</b>	<b>HARRIS</b>	<b>MORGAN</b>	<b>WALTON</b>
<b>CLARKE</b>	<b>HART</b>	<b>MURRAY</b>	<b>WHITFIELD</b>

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ZONE 3		FORMAL CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS (REGULATED)		INFORMAL CARE ARRANGEMENTS (UNREGULATED)
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FULL TIME CARE (PER WEEK)  (Care for 3 or more days per wk.)	Infants (6 weeks-12 months)	\$62.00	\$57.00	\$47.00
	Toddlers (13-36 months)		55.00	46.00
	Pre-School (3-5 years)		52.00	43.00
PART-TIME CARE (PER DAY) OR OCCASIONAL CARE (PER DAY)  (Care for less than 3 full days per week.)	Infants (6 weeks-12 months)	\$18.00	16.00	10.00
	Toddlers (13-36 months)			
	Pre-School (3-5 years)			9.00
NEGOTIATED RATE (PER WEEK)	Child care for one child with one provider that occurs over more than one time period (some weekdays and a weekend day, for example) but is 4 to 5 days per billable week should have rate negotiated rather than two separate rates with separate certificates. The negotiated rate for care 4 to 5 days <i>can</i> equal the full time care rate, but should not exceed the full time care rate per week. If care exceeds 5 days per week, negotiated rate may exceed full time care rate but should not exceed the full time care rate added to the per day rate.			

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BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE (PER WEEK)		<b>\$37.00</b>	<b>\$34.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
PART-TIME CARE (PER DAY) OR OCCASIONAL CARE (PER DAY) Occasional Care is needed for teacher workdays, snow days, & holidays (including holidays lasting a week or more).		<b>13.00</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>
FULL TIME CARE (PER WEEK) Usually for full day, summer care! Not winter/spring breaks.		<b>62.00</b>	<b>52.00</b>	<b>43.00</b>
NEGOTIATED RATE (PER WEEK)	Child care for one child with one provider that occurs over more than one time period (some weekdays and a weekend day, for example) but is 4 to 5 days per billable week should have rate negotiated rather than two separate rates with separate certificates. The negotiated rate for care 4 to 5 days <i>can</i> equal the full time care rate, but should not exceed the full time care rate per week. If care exceeds 5 days per week, negotiated rate may exceed full time care rate but should not exceed the full time care rate added to the per day rate.			

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<b>APPLING</b>	<b>COOK</b>	<b>HEARD</b>	<b>PICKENS</b>	<b>TOOMBS</b>
<b>ATKINSON</b>	<b>CRAWFORD</b>	<b>IRWIN</b>	<b>PIERCE</b>	<b>TOWNS</b>
<b>BACON</b>	<b>CRISP</b>	<b>JASPER</b>	<b>POLK</b>	<b>TREUTLEN</b>
<b>BAKER</b>	<b>DADE</b>	<b>JEFF DAVIS</b>	<b>PUTNAM</b>	<b>TURNER</b>
<b>BANKS</b>	<b>DECATUR</b>	<b>JEFFERSON</b>	<b>QUITMAN</b>	<b>TWIGGS</b>
<b>BEN HILL</b>	<b>DODGE *</b>	<b>JENKINS</b>	<b>RABUN</b>	<b>UNION</b>
<b>BERRIEN *</b>	<b>DOOLEY</b>	<b>JOHNSON</b>	<b>RANDOLPH</b>	<b>UPSON</b>
<b>BLECKLEY</b>	<b>EARLY</b>	<b>LANIER</b>	<b>SCHLEY *</b>	<b>WALKER</b>
<b>BRANTLEY</b>	<b>ECHOLS</b>	<b>LAURENS *</b>	<b>SCREVEN</b>	<b>WARE</b>
<b>BROOKS</b>	<b>ELBERT</b>	<b>LINCOLN</b>	<b>SEMINOLE</b>	<b>WARREN</b>
<b>BURKE</b>	<b>EMANUEL</b>	<b>LONG</b>	<b>STEPHENS</b>	<b>WASHINGTON</b>
<b>CALHOUN</b>	<b>EVANS</b>	<b>LOWNDES</b>	<b>STEWART</b>	<b>WAYNE</b>
<b>CANDLER</b>	<b>FANNIN</b>	<b>LUMPKIN</b>	<b>SUMTER</b>	<b>WEBSTER</b>
<b>CARROLL</b>	<b>FRANKLIN</b>	<b>MACON</b>	<b>TALBOT</b>	<b>WHEELER</b>
<b>CHARLTON</b>	<b>GILMER</b>	<b>MARION</b>	<b>TALIAFERRO</b>	<b>WHITE</b>
<b>CHATTAHOOCHEE</b>	<b>GLASCOCK</b>	<b>MCINTOSH</b>	<b>TATTNALL</b>	<b>WILCOX</b>
<b>CHATTOOGA</b>	<b>GRADY</b>	<b>MILLER</b>	<b>TAYLOR</b>	<b>WILKES</b>
<b>CLAY</b>	<b>GREENE</b>	<b>MITCHELL</b>	<b>TELFAIR</b>	<b>WILKINSON</b>
<b>CLINCH</b>	<b>HABERSHAM</b>	<b>MONROE</b>	<b>TERRELL</b>	<b>WORTH</b>
<b>COFFEE</b>	<b>HANCOCK</b>	<b>MONTGOMERY</b>	<b>THOMAS</b>	
<b>COLQUITT</b>	<b>HARALSON</b>	<b>OGLETHORPE</b>	<b>TIFT</b>	

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**Smart Start Georgia PLUS Counties  
(Effective July 1, 2003)**

Smart Start Georgia is a public/private partnership committed to increasing the quality of early education programs in Georgia. Specialized training and technical assistance are available to child care programs serving children from families with a low-income. Programs that demonstrate higher levels of quality may receive tiered reimbursement rates. The Tiered Reimbursement is available in the following Smart Start Plus counties:

<b>Berrien</b>	<b>Dodge</b>	<b>Houston</b>	<b>Sumter</b>
<b>Bryan</b>	<b>Dougherty</b>	<b>Laurens</b>	<b>Tift</b>
<b>Clayton</b>	<b>Fulton</b>	<b>Muscogee</b>	
<b>Chatham</b>	<b>Effingham</b>	<b>Schley</b>	

**TIERED REIMBURSEMENT FOR CHILDREN SUBSIDIZED BY DHR/DFCS  
CHILD CARE LEARNING CENTERS/DAY CARE CENTERS**

	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2 **</b>	<b>Tier 3 **</b>	<b>Tier 4</b>
<b>Eligible</b>	Licensed or Legally Exempt DHR & OSR Centers	Licensed and Substantial Compliance* DHR & OSR Centers	Licensed and Substantial Compliance* DHR & OSR Centers	Licensed and Substantial Compliance* DHR & OSR Centers
<b>Quality Measurement</b>	Same as Licensing	Center of Recognition (Standards of Care Program)*** Overall rating scale score of "4"	Center of Distinction (Standards of Care Program)*** Overall rating scale of "5"	NAEYC <b>-OR-</b> NECPA <b>-OR-</b> equivalent
<b>Ratios/Group Sizes</b>	Same as Licensing	Same as Licensing	Infants- 1:5/10 1yr. - 1:7/14 2 yrs - 1:8/16 3 yrs - 1:13/26 4 yrs - 1:14/28 5 yrs - 1:15/30	
<b>Staff Training</b>	Same as Licensing	Same as Licensing	20 hrs. within 12 months of hire	(per accreditation)
<b>Director Training</b>	Same as Licensing	Same as Licensing	20 hrs. within 12 months of hire	(per accreditation)
<b>Lead Teacher Qualifications</b>	Same as Licensing	Same as Licensing	25% of lead teachers have CDA/CCP or better	
<b>Director Qualifications</b>	Same as Licensing	Same as Licensing	Administrator credential (NAC or equivalent) plus 1 year experience -OR- AA (early childhood) or better plus 1 year experience -OR- CDA/CCP plus 2 years experience -OR- 3 years experience in the field	
<b>Reimbursement Level</b>	<b>Current CAPS subsidy rate</b>	<b>115% of current CAPS subsidy rate</b>	<b>135% of current CAPS subsidy rate</b>	<b>150% of current CAPS subsidy rate</b>

\*Legally exempt programs, i.e. some Head Start programs, must voluntarily become licensed to qualify for Tier 2, 3, 4.

\*\* Other quality processes are being considered but not approved at this time.

\*\*\* The Standards of Care Program is available to DHR centers (Smart Start Plus) and OSR centers.

A training and educational qualification for teachers/directors is required by DHR/CAPS for application to Tier 3 and 4. Training and technical assistance are available to help providers qualify for increased payments.



**TIERED REIMBURSEMENT FOR CHILDREN SUBSIDIZED BY DFCS  
Group Day Care Homes**

	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>Tier 4</b>
<b>Eligible</b>	<b>Current License</b>	<b>Licensed and Substantial Compliance</b>	<b>Licensed and Substantial Compliance</b>	<b>Licensed and Substantial Compliance</b>
<b>Quality Measurement</b>	Per Licensing	Home of Merit FDCRS Minimum Score 3	Home of Distinction FDCRS Minimum Score 5	NAFCC, or NAEYC Accreditation (or equivalent)
<b>Training**</b>	Per Licensing	15 hrs.	20 hrs.	
<b>Qualifications</b>	Per Licensing	High School/GED Enrolled in CDA/AA Or have received CDA/AA/BA	High School/GED Enrolled in CDA/AA Or have received CDA/AA/BA	
<b>Parent Involvement***</b>	NA	1 Example	2 Examples	
<b>Professional/Community Affiliation****</b>	NA	1 Example	2 Examples	
<b>Reimbursement Level</b>	<b>Current CAPS Subsidy Rate</b>	<b>115% of current CAPS Subsidy Rate</b>	<b>135% of current CAPS Subsidy Rate</b>	<b>150% of current CAPS Subsidy Rate</b>

\*\* In at least 3 professional development competency areas; may include state approved home study, distance learning.

\*\*\* Examples include: documentation of parent newsletter, parent events or meetings, parent community resource library or bulletin board, parent volunteers, providers and parent child conferences.

\*\*\*\* Examples include: listed with CCR&R; enrolled in USDA Food Program; member in a community, state, or national child care association; member of family child care support group; membership in a recognized state or national child care professional organization.

Training and technical assistance are available to help providers qualify for increased payments.

### TIERED REIMBURSEMENT FOR CHILDREN SUBSIDIZED BY DFCS Family Child Care Homes

	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>Tier 4</b>
<b>Eligible</b>	<b>Current Registration</b>	<b>Registered and substantial compliance</b>	<b>Registered and Substantial Compliance</b>	<b>Registered and Substantial Compliance</b>
<b>Quality Measurement</b>	Per Registration	Home of Merit FDCRS Average Score 3	Home of Distinction: FDCRS Average Score 5	NAFCC Accreditation (or equivalent)
<b>Group Sizes</b>	Per registration	8*	8*	Per accreditation
<b>Training **</b>	Per registration	15 hrs.	20 hrs.	Per accreditation
<b>Qualifications</b>	Per registration	High School/GED Enrolled in CDA/AA Or have received CDA/AA/BA	High School/GED Enrolled in CDA/AA Or have received CDA/AA/BA	Per accreditation
<b>Parent Involvement ***</b>	NA	1 Example	2 Examples	Per accreditation
<b>Professional/Community Affiliation ****</b>	NA	1 Example	2 Examples	Per accreditation
<b>Reimbursement Level</b>	<b>Current CAPS Subsidy Rate</b>	<b>115% of current CAPS Subsidy Rate</b>	<b>135% of current CAPS Subsidy Rate</b>	<b>150% of current CAPS Subsidy Rate</b>

\* 2 additional children only if ages three and older for 2 designated one hour periods/day, per current law.

(Note: Provider's own children not included in specified group sizes.)

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